

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Claim 1. A method of playing a stud poker card game comprising:

a) the player making a wager to play at least five stud poker hands;

b) dealing and displaying face up at least five partial hands of four cards each, each partial hand having the same cards;

c) dealing and displaying face up one additional card to each hand so that each final stud poker hand has five cards;

d) determining the poker hand ranking of each final stud poker hand;

e) awarding the player a pre-established amount based on a base pay table for each final stud poker hand that has a winning poker hand ranking; and

f) multiplying the amount awarded to the player by pre-established multipliers based on the number of same poker hand rankings achieved by the player among the final stud poker hands.

Claim 2. The method of Claim 1 in which the additional cards for each final hand are dealt from a depleted deck which consists of the original deck of cards less the cards dealt as the partial hand.

Claim 3. The method of Claim 1 in which all of the additional cards for each final hand are dealt from the same original deck of cards less the cards dealt as the partial hand.

Claim 4. The method of Claim 1 in which the base pay table comprises:

POKER HAND COMBINATION	PAYOUT ODDS
Less than Pair of 7's	Losing Hand
Pair of 7's thru Aces	1 for 1
Two Pair	3 for 1
Three of a Kind	4 for 1
Straight	6 for 1
Flush	9 for 1
Full House	12 for 1
Four of a Kind -- 5's thru Kings	50 for 1
Four of a Kind -- 2's, 3's and 4's	80 for 1
Four of a Kind -- Aces	160 for 1
Four 2's, 3's or 4's with an Ace, 2, 3 or 4	160 for 1
Four Aces with a 2, 3 or 4	400 for 1
Straight Flush	50 for 1
Royal Flush	800 for 1

Claim 5. The method of Claim 4 in which the pay multipliers comprise:

POKER HAND RANKING NUMBER OF SAME HAND ENDINGS	PAY MULTIPLIER			
	2	3	4	5
Less than Pair of 7's	0	0	0	0
Pair of 7's thru Aces	0	2	2	2
Two Pair	0	2	2	2
Three of a Kind	2	2	2	2
Straight	2	3	4	5
Flush	2	3	4	5
Full House	2	3	4	5
Four of a Kind -- 5's thru Kings	2	3	4	5
Four of a Kind -- 2's, 3's and 4's	2	3	4	5
Four of a Kind -- Aces	2	3	4	5
Four 2's, 3's or 4's with an Ace, 2, 3 or 4	2	3	4	5
Four Aces with a 2, 3 or 4	2	3	4	5
Straight Flush	2	3	4	10
Royal Flush	2	3	4	10

Claim 6. A method of playing a stud poker card game comprising:

- a) the player making a wager to play at least four stud poker hands;
- b) dealing and displaying face up at least four partial hands of four cards each, each partial hand having the same cards;
- c) dealing and displaying face up one additional card to each hand so that each final stud poker hand has four cards;
- d) determining the poker hand ranking of each final stud poker hand;
- e) awarding the player a pre-established amount based

on a base pay table for each final stud poker hand that has a winning poker hand ranking; and

f) multiplying the amount awarded to the player by pre-established multipliers based on the number of same poker hand rankings achieved by the player among the final stud poker hands.

Claim 7. The method of Claim 6 in which the additional cards for each final hand are dealt from a depleted deck which consists of the original deck of cards less the cards dealt as the partial hand.

Claim 8. The method of Claim 6 in which all of the additional cards for each final hand are dealt from the same original deck of cards less the cards dealt as the partial hand.

Claim 9. The method of Claim 6 in which the base pay table comprises:

POKER HAND COMBINATION	PAYOUT ODDS
Less than Pair of 6's	Losing Hand
Pair of 6's thru Aces	1 for 1
Two Pair	3 for 1
Three of a Kind	4 for 1
Straight	6 for 1
Flush	9 for 1
Full House	12 for 1
Four of a Kind -- 5's thru Kings	50 for 1
Four of a Kind -- 2's, 3's and 4's	80 for 1
Four of a Kind -- Aces	160 for 1
Four 2's, 3's or 4's with an Ace, 2, 3 or 4	160 for 1
Four Aces with a 2, 3 or 4	400 for 1
Straight Flush	200 for 1
Royal Flush	800 for 1

Claim 10. The method of Claim 9 in which the pay multipliers comprise:

POKER HAND RANKING	PAY MULTIPLIER		
NUMBER OF SAME HAND ENDINGS	2	3	4
Less than Pair of 6's	0	0	0
Pair of 6's thru Aces	0	2	2
Two Pair	0	2	2
Three of a Kind	0	2	2
Straight	2	3	5
Flush	2	3	5
Full House	2	3	5
Four of a Kind -- 5's thru Kings	2	3	5
Four of a Kind -- 2's, 3's and 4's	2	3	5
Four of a Kind - Aces	2	3	5
Four 2's, 3's or 4's with an Ace, 2, 3 or 4	2	3	5
Four Aces with a 2, 3 or 4	2	3	5
Straight Flush	3	5	10
Royal Flush	3	5	10

Claim 11. A method of playing a stud poker card game comprising:

a) the player making a wager to play at least three stud poker hands;

b) dealing and displaying face up at least three partial hands of four cards each, each partial hand having the same cards;

c) dealing and displaying face up one additional card to each hand so that each final stud poker hand has three cards;

d) determining the poker hand ranking of each final stud poker hand;

e) awarding the player a pre-established amount based on a base pay table for each final stud poker hand that has a winning poker hand ranking; and

f) multiplying the amount awarded to the player by pre-established multipliers based on the number of same poker hand rankings achieved by the player among the final stud poker hands.

Claim 12. The method of Claim 11 in which the additional cards for each final hand are dealt from a depleted deck which consists of the original deck of cards less the cards dealt as the partial hand.

Claim 13. The method of Claim 11 in which all of the additional cards for each final hand are dealt from the same original deck of cards less the cards dealt as the partial hand.

Claim 14. The method of Claim 11 in which the base pay table comprises:

POKER HAND COMBINATION	PAYOUT ODDS
Less than Pair of 7's	Losing Hand
Pair of 7's thru Aces	1 for 1
Two Pair	3 for 1
Three of a Kind	4 for 1
Straight	6 for 1
Flush	9 for 1
Full House	12 for 1
Four of a Kind -- 5's thru Kings	50 for 1
Four of a Kind -- 2's, 3's and 4's	80 for 1
Four of a Kind -- Aces	160 for 1
Four 2's, 3's or 4's with an Ace, 2, 3 or 4	160 for 1
Four Aces with a 2, 3 or 4	400 for 1
Straight Flush	50 for 1
Royal Flush	800 for 1

Claim 15. The method of Claim 14 in which the pay multipliers comprise:

POKER HAND RANKING	PAY MULTIPLIER	
NUMBER OF SAME HAND ENDINGS	2	3
Less than Pair of 7's	0	0
Pair of 7's thru Aces	2	2
Two Pair	2	2
Three of a Kind	2	2
Straight	3	5
Flush	3	5
Full House	3	5
Four of a Kind -- 5's thru Kings	3	5
Four of a Kind -- 2's, 3's and 4's	3	5
Four of a Kind -- Aces	3	5
Four 2's, 3's or 4's with an Ace, 2, 3 or 4	3	5
Four Aces with a 2, 3 or 4	3	5
Straight Flush	3	10
Royal Flush	3	10